

**Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)  
Funding Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday June 18 2018**

**Committee Members:** Richard Brenner - Chair, Susan Crowley, Stacey Giomi, Peter Boffelli, Matthew Griego

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brenner called the meeting to order.

**2. ROLL, CONFIRM QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members Present: Chair Brenner, Susan Crowley, Stacey Giomi, Matt Griego, Pete Boffelli

Others Present:

Bart Chambers, State Fire Marshal  
Nathan Hastings, Attorney General's Office  
Christina Wilson, SERC Coordinator  
Wendi Wyatt, SERC Administrator  
Shelby Price, Carson City LEPC  
Chris Vaughn, Carson City LEPC  
Dave Fogerson, Douglas County  
Amanda Pierce, Eureka County LEPC  
Sean Wilkins, Humboldt County LEPC  
Rochelle Piquet, Humboldt County LEPC  
Patrick Hughes, Mineral County LEPC  
Cherie Nevin, Storey County LEPC  
Aaron Kenniston, Washoe County LEPC  
Michael Pickering, Legislative Police  
Travis Hughes, NV Supreme Court Marshal's Office  
Dawn Nenzel, State Fire Marshal's Office  
Jack Snyder, Elko Fire Department  
Charise Whitt, Office of Traffic Safety

Chair Brenner established that a quorum was present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Fogerson from Douglas County commented that the grant materials have not been distributed and processed in a timely manner. The Chair agreed and said they would try to do better in the future.

**4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 12 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Brenner noted that the date of the meeting, March 12, 2018, needed to be put on the document.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CROWLEY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2018 MEETING MINUTES. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GIOMI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. REVIEW OF FY2019 HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Chair began this Agenda item by asking for clarification on the number of applications received. A conversation ensued amongst The Chair, Ms. Crowley, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Wyatt about administrative matters (were documents sent, were announcements made about the mid-cycle grant and deadlines, why were there duplicate applications listed, etc.) The Chair asked a bottom-line question of Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Wilson: how much money is available in this mid-cycle grant application? Ms. Wyatt said \$89,902.80. The Chair asked if LEPCs had been notified about the grant and Ms. Wyatt said yes. The Chair asked for a copy of the email she sent to the LEPCs. The information was posted on the SERC website.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DOUGLAS COUNTY HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$3,939.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Griego asked if the LEPC Compliance Certification met all the requirements for compliance? Chair Brenner said yes, but it must be verified by staff that certification material was submitted and approved.

Chair Brenner said next up would be the State Fire Marshal's Office, for \$13,806. Ms. Crowley requested that they address the county applications first, especially the ones they did not have in front of them. She said she thought it would be prudent to do so. Chair Brenner echoed that thought, and said he was very frustrated that it was not really a level playing field – counties did not get the information about the mid-cycle grants.

Ms. Wyatt stated she thought it was supposed to be first-come, first-served. She stated that some applications had come in with no signatures and those were not put in the queue at all. Chair Brenner told her they're in their cycle, they've sent in their information and now they're getting all their signatures. Ms. Wyatt said she thought that the applications for first come, first serve, had to be completed with signatures and all the required information.

Ms. Crowley asked about the first-come, first-served policy. She thought the counties should come first. Mr. Giomi said he thought they've always done first-come, first-served, going by when the grant application was received in the SERC Office. He also recalled that applications that weren't completely signed were still considered with the contingency that the signatures be provided. They've been fairly generous in the past accepting applications in terms of when they arrive and making signatures a contingency. Chair Brenner affirmed that this was the case.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST FOR \$48,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MR. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STOREY COUNTY HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST FOR \$8,595.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GRIEGO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next up was the State Fire Marshal's Office for \$14,765.00, for two Fire Rescue International Conferences. Ms. Crowley asked what was covered as far as hazardous materials? Chair Brenner read the catalog description of classes, and there were none specifically for HAZMAT. Ms. Crowley said she knew Fire Rescue folks sometimes address hazardous materials, but the application doesn't mention that. This grant funding process is specific for hazardous materials. It's not for just generalized all hazards type of thing. It's just for hazardous materials.

Ms. Wyatt said according to their application, the goal is for "the attendees to become stronger leaders." Chair Brenner said the grant wasn't supposed to be for training. The Chair stated the HMEP expenditure guide lists allowable preparedness expenditures, and they identify all the different HAZMAT conferences, such as the International Association of Fire Chiefs. And then there's another section called conditional allowable preparedness expenditures. And under there, they have the State conferences, they have Regional HAZMAT Conferences, and then they identify FDIC, and finally FRI.

Ms. Crowley asked if they grant this money and it's spent, and the HMEP folks don't approve it for reimbursement, then what? Chair Brenner said they'd have to pay for it on their own. Ms. Wilson asked what if this grant was approved for the full amount, and the USDOT point of contact people come back and say since it's conditional, they're not going to cover it, could they be able to re-obligate that to somebody at a later time? Mr. Giomi said he thought the committee could conditionally award it to the State Fire Marshal. But then they could also just go one more down the list, and award someone below that the money in the event that the State Fire Marshal's grant isn't approved by USDOT. Both The Chair and Ms. Crowley thought this was a reasonable way to go.

Mr. Griego asked about the mid-cycle funding for FireShows West. Ms. Wyatt explained that the FireShows West, the second round of the mid-cycles, that's where they'll receive their funding from. So, it's contingent on the money that they get back. Like a second mid-cycle funding. Mr. Griego said he was confused because the cover sheets were the same as all the cover sheets, they don't say what cycle. Ms. Wilson agreed that the FireShows West application is almost identical to the regular mid-cycle applications. For future applications,

they can make that a totally different header or make the application title more bold or something to ensure the difference is noted between the both of them.

Mr. Giomi wanted clarification that the funding for the FireShows West mid-cycle was a separate amount and the \$89,902.80 was for this round of mid-cycle applications. There was some discussion about where cycles fell in the fiscal years, funding rounds and how they worked, and how de-obligation timing falls into the scheme of things. Mr. Giomi said they were talking in circles. Ms. Wyatt tried to explain. She said mid-cycle is a totally different object and the FireShows West is too, but they come from the same funding pot. And now they have \$89,000 available for the mid-cycle, the first one, and that's what people have applied for so far.

Mr. Griego asked why they approved the Fire Marshal FireShows West application so early? Mr. Giomi said the reason that got funded early is because that money is used to actually plan and carry out the show. It's planning money, not for attendance. Mr. Giomi asked if the money for FireShows West was coming from the de-obligations from previous HMEP grants? Ms. Wyatt confirmed that it was. The definitive report will be produced October 1 that will list de-obligations, and all the expenses should be encumbered, and reimbursements should be turned in by then. Mr. Giomi said he was confused and said that in the past they never had to wait on de-obligations to decide if they were going to be able to help fund attendance to FireShows West. Mr. Giomi and Ms. Wyatt had a conversation about this topic. Ms. Wyatt said she thought there were multiple funding committee meetings throughout the year in order to do several mid-cycles.

Chair Brenner said in the past, they had had a specific amount of money and they would go out and put that out to the LEPC, state agencies, if and if anybody wanted it, it was limited to \$30,000 per agency, and then if there was left-over, there would be a mid-cycle grant.

Ms. Crowley said there are a couple of buckets of money, but not multiple events where they get money from each of those different kinds of processes. Chair Brenner suggested they should prioritize these things, and then discuss it further at the SERC meeting in July.

Mr. Giomi asked how much in obligated funds are out there from whatever HMEP is waiting for to be de-obligated? How much is out there potentially from the last report? How much HMEP money may be left to award for FireShows West? Ms. Wyatt checked with the fiscal person in their office and had this to report: there's \$209,941.84. And out of that, the de-obligations so far from the counties is \$89,902.80. That leaves a remainder of \$120,039.04. But, that number is not guaranteed.

Mr. Giomi said in his opinion, it was not right to be considering mid-cycle grants in one fell-swoop. Ms. Wyatt asked why not put the FireShows West on the initial at HMEP that's due in January? Why were HMEP grants due January 31<sup>st</sup>, and then the FireShows West were due February 28<sup>th</sup>? Chair Brenner said in the past, they used to do FireShows West in July or

August. Ms. Wyatt said since FireShows West was now in November, why did they separate out the two different grants when they both could have been funded out of FY '19?

Ms. Crowley asked if the mid-cycle grants they were considering today were only for fiscal year '18? Ms. Wyatt said yes. Ms. Crowley asked why did that say FY'19 on them? Ms. Wilson explained the reason why the FireShows West don't say FY '19 is that it was being awarded out of the previous year's award. She went on to say between the de-obligations, between mid-cycles from last year, and previous HMEPs that are de-obligated between that amount, they are able to redistribute funds in between those periods. So, they can add the de-obligations to the award that they receive by October 1<sup>st</sup>. What is guaranteed that they do have available is \$89,902.80. And then depending on their award for fiscal '19, they should have approximately \$118,000 from there, because they already awarded out \$101,000 and change. Chair Brenner clarified that they had \$81,000 in requests for FireShows West and they were under the \$89,902.80.

Nobody wanted to make a motion regarding the State Fire Marshal's Office for \$14,755, so Chair Brenner moved on to Clark County. Ms. Wilson detailed that the Clark County request was a sub-grant through Metro, the armor. The funding is to conduct a training course to license participants to operate combination vehicles in excess of 26,001 pounds for utilization and resource for hazardous material incidents and transport. They're going to ensure the legal licensing of hazardous material technicians from the armor section to operate commercial large combination vehicles.

This will be useful in planning, response, and mitigation of roadway incidents where large vehicles and rigs may require or would be assisted by the operational knowledge and challenges presented in combination of presence of hazardous material. So, if there is an incident dealing with hazardous materials, they can drive the vehicles if necessary. They will have that endorsement.

**MR. BOFELLI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLARK COUNTY HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST FOR \$5400.00 CONTIGENT ON APPROVAL FROM USDOT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR AYES AND ONE NAY FROM MR. GIOMI.**

Next up was Elko County. The request is for \$12,500 for an advanced cameo class, which is funded through hazardous materials, HMEP's grant. It's a commander course that provides the tools a person needs to assume control over the emergency response to a hazardous material incident, its focus is on how to set up hazards, limit risks, comply with the legal requirements, and then take the corrective action.

**CHAIR BRENNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELKO COUNTY HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST FOR \$12,500.00 CONTIGENT ON APPROVAL FROM USDOT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chair Brenner said he'd like to go back to the State Fire Marshal's request, depending on how much funding they have left.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING FOR THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE UP TO THE AMOUNT THEY HAVE REMAINING, CONTINGENT UPON FEDERAL APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE TO THE TWO CONFERENCES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Chair then moved on to Agenda Item 6, the SERC OPTE Grants.

**6. REVIEW OF FY2019 SERC OPTE GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Carson City's grant request was for air monitors and radios wave amplifiers.

**CHAIR BRENNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING FOR FY2019 SERC OPTE GRANT FUNDS FOR CARSON CITY, CONTINGENT UPON FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXERCISE AND RESPONSE LEVEL MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GIOMI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$4,000 LEPC OPERATIONS AMOUNTS FOR ALL THE AGENCIES THAT APPLIED FOR IT, WITH ANY CONTINGENCIES STAFF HAS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GIOMI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE CLARK COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Douglas County's grant request was for radios, a thermal imager camera, and an A2 radio interface.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Elko County's grant request was for a Jerome Mercury Analyzer and BMC kits.

**CHAIR BRENNER MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ELKO COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,596. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Esmerelda County's grant request was for a lighting system, a generator, and replacement tires for a trailer. Ms. Crowley said maintenance has always been paid by county funds. When they have maintenance things like tires, and oil, batteries, those kinds of things are paid for by the county. If there's a trailer or vehicle being built up from scratch, they do pay for things that would be traditionally considered maintenance, but not so for replacements. Mr. Giomi said they could use operational funds for tires.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ESMERELDA COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000, EXCLUDING ANY FUNDING RELATED TO TIRES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Eureka County's grant request was for a portable repeater, and fees for renewing a software contract.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE EUREKA COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,643.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Lander County's grant request was for the \$4,000 operational expenses only. The motion was approved unanimously earlier in the meeting.

Lincoln County's grant request was for HAZMAT personal protective equipment.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,993.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mineral County's grant request was for a communication tower, portable propane water heater, a portable shower and some other equipment that was inaudible on the audio.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MINERAL COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,897.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Nye County's grant request was for batteries, monitors, and HAZMAT enhancements for trucks.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NYE COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,975 WITH FLEXIBILITY FOR CO-CHAIRS TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SHIPPING, IF NECESSARY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Pershing County's grant request was for something that was inaudible on the recording the meeting, but it included "FTPA" in the request.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PERSHING COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,225. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Storey County's grant request was for monitors and a space station for communication.

**CHAIR BRENNER MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STOREY COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,724. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BOFFELLI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Washoe County's grant request was for the SERC Continuing Challenge training (\$19,597) and a Ludlum rate meter kit for the monitoring of radiation (\$5,403).

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE WASHOE COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BOFFELLI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The State Fire Marshal's Office's grant request was for P25 inner operability enabled radios.

**MR. GIOMI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,464.35 WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES BE UPDATED WITH A TIE-IN TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND SIGNED OFF BY ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MR. GIOMI STATED HE WAS EXITING THE CALL AT THIS POINT**

## **7. REVIEW OF FY2019 UNITED WE STAND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Chair Brenner reminded members that United We Stand grants come from a different pot of money. The money comes from license plate sales. They grants are capped at \$25,000. The applications should include language about fighting terrorism and have the priorities identified by the Homeland Security Commission.

Ms. Crowley asked if the State of Nevada had updated their priorities identified for the Homeland Security Commission? Chair Brenner confirmed that they had. The priorities are 1) intelligence and information sharing, 2) cyber terrorism, 3) operational formation, and 4) public information and warning.

Carson City's grant request focused on operational organization.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON CITY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,250. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GRIEGO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Churchill City's grant request focused on equipment dealing with emissions & fast track and replacing/updating an inoperable and outdated data terminal.

**CHAIR BRENNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHURCHILL COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE APPLICATION BE RESUBMITTED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT ADDRESSES THE PRIORITIES OF THE COMMISSION OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TO BE SIGNED OFF BY A CO-CHAIR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BOFFELLI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Clark County's grant request was \$25,000, \$4,485.76 for training, and \$16,014.24 for supplies, and \$18,900 for equipment. Their priorities matched up with Homeland Security priorities: operational coordination. The application was detailed and complete.

**MR. BOFFELLI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLARK COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Douglas County's grant request was for communication equipment. The Chair noted that they did an excellent job identifying and supporting their operational coordination priority and fully integrated Homeland Security language throughout.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DOUGLAS COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BOFFELLI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Elko County's grant request was for management software that will enable all county responders to see a terrorist operation in real time; it provides live data of tracking units at strategic station areas. They are also asking for new aircraft radios and some more chlorine kits. The Chair commended them on their excellent application with the focus on Commission priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ELKO COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,285. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Esmerelda County's grant request was for a defibrillator, an EKG, ballistic helmets, threat plate, and a modular weapons carrier. The Chair stated that the objective was rather vague and neglected to tie the equipment needs into the Homeland Security priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESMERELDA COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,456 WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE APPLICATION BE RESUBMITTED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT FULFILLS THE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF THE COMMISSION OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TO SIGNED OFF BY A CO-CHAIR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Humboldt County's grant request specifics were not discussed at the meeting. However, Chair Brenner, Ms. Crowley, and Ms. Wyatt all complimented them on the stellar application that tied their goals together with the Homeland Security priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Lander County's grant request was for equipment. The specific equipment was not discussed at the meeting, but the Chair and Ms. Crowley were both impressed with the application as a whole. Lander's priority, public information and warning, was well articulated and aligned with Homeland Security objectives.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE LANDER COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$15,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BOFFELLI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Lincoln County's grant request was for thermal imagers and PPEs. Chair Brenner pointed out that although they mentioned terrorist attacks, they did not tie in their equipment needs under any Homeland Security priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LINCOLN COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,911. WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE APPLICATION BE RESUBMITTED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT FULFILLS THE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF THE COMMISSION OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TO SIGNED OFF BY A CO-**

**CHAIR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mineral County's grant request was for \$18,823. Their priority was under operational coordination, one of the Homeland Security's priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MINERAL COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,823. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Nye County's grant request was for a camera system under the operational coordination priority.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NYE COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GRIEGO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Pershing County's grant request of \$22,984 was tied back to Priority #3, Operation Formation. Equipment specifics were not discussed at the meeting, but Chair Brenner and Ms. Crowley both thought the application was excellent.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PERSHING COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,984. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Storey County's grant request specifics were not discussed during the meeting, but Chair Brenner and Ms. Crowley both commented that the application was extremely well done and connected to the Nevada Commission priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STOREY COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Washoe County's grant request specifics were not discussed during the meeting, but Chair Brenner and Ms. Crowley both thought the application was very well done. The priorities were listed, and the narrative was strong.

**CHAIR BRENNER MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE WASHOE COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CROWLEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

White Pine's grant request specifics were not discussed during the meeting. Chair Brenner noted that the application did not include the required equipment quotes, but everything else was ship-shape.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WHITE PINE COUNTY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,993 WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE APPLICATION BE RESUBMITTED WITH THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT ESTIMATES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Legislative Counsel Bureau's grant request specifics were not discussed during the meeting. Ms. Crowley noted that the requested equipment was consistent with the priority issues. Chair Brenner stated he thought this was an excellent application.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU'S APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The second Office of Traffic Safety grant request was for labor costs to install high-tech cameras to monitor the building where HAZMAT licenses are stored. Their first application, to purchase the cameras, was denied earlier in the meeting. Ms. Crowley asked was it reasonable to approve labor for the project even though the equipment has not been granted?

Chair Brenner noted there was no priority identified. He said it's a "worthy" project and if OTS could just edit their application to include priorities linked to Homeland Security, then the committee could approve \$25,000 out of the \$33,000 total they need.

Ms. Crowley said they needed to modify the objectives to include everything that is related to the proposal, and if they could, modify their priority to specifically tie it to one of Nevada's priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$25,000 WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE APPLICATION BE REVISED TO BE MORE CONSISTANT WITH THE PROPOSAL AND THAT THE NARRATIVE IS TIED TO THE PRIORITIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BOFFELLI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The State Fire Marshal's grant request of \$28,858 was for VHF radios. Ms. Crowley noted that they did tie in to the Nevada Homeland Security priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,858. THE**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Nevada Supreme Court's grant request of \$17,500 was for a new scanner. Ms. Crowley noted that the priority paragraph needed to be edited to tie the request into the Homeland Security priorities.

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT'S APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,500 WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE APPLICATION BE EDITED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT TIES THE REQUEST TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY PRIORITIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. REVIEW OF FY2019 HMEP FIRESHOWS WEST GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Chair Brenner asked if this agenda item could be tabled because there's no rush and they need to have a more concise funding amount.

**MR. BOFFELLI MADE A MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 8. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GRIEGO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. REPORT ON GRANT CHANGE REQUESTS ALREADY APPROVED**

There were no grant change requests already approved.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Crowley wondered if the whole application process could be improved. What would work best for the LEPCs and state agencies?

Mr. Fogerson had a suggestion to streamline the process. He suggested that the two person staff be directed and empowered to do much of the work of the Committee. They could do all the nuts and bolts stuff and present a staff report at the SERC meeting for approval rather than having so many meetings. He said it's pretty onerous on Committee members to attend six-hour meetings for something that the staff members could address.

Chair Brenner reminded Mr. Fogerson that the two staff employees were still new and learning the ropes. They might not be ready for that responsibility.

Mr. Fogerson stated there were many subcommittees reviewing the grants, sometimes involving five or six meetings to get the grants approved. Why not eliminate some of those subcommittee meetings and let the staff do the preliminary work and then bring it to the Commission as a whole?

Chair Brenner said he thought the Funding Committee was an important part of the process and they've been doing it this way for many years. Ms. Crowley stated that maybe eventually they could have staff do more preliminary work, but she didn't think they were ready quite yet.

Mr. Fogerson said he knew of one county that decided to stop applying for grants simply because the process was so time consuming. The Chair said the process really needed to be streamlined. Ms. Crowley reminded everyone they also had to make sure they shared the responsibility requirements, which meant they should review the applications.

Mr. Fogerson said he agreed, but still thought that staff could do more work in the initial stages and the committee could do less. The Chair agreed that making sure that the compliances were in order before the applications came to the Funding Committee for review would make the process faster.

Chief Chambers reminded everyone that they were all in this together. He said if they were patient and worked together as a "collective foundation" the process would be improved. He thanked and commended the staff for their hard work.

There was no further public comment.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MS. CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BRENNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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